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SUBJ: GOVT NEWSPAPER CASTIGATES DISUNITY OF ZIMBABWEAN
NATIONALISTS AS OBSTACLE TO PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT

1. TIMES OF ZAMBIA SEPT 26 CARRIES EDITORIAL CASTIGATING
ZIMBABWEAN NATIONALISTS FOR FAILING TO RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES
AND BY THEIR FAILURE MAKING IT DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT SMITH'S
"SURRENDER". THE "GREAT SURRENDER MUST TURN OUT TO BE A NON-
STARTER IF RHODESIA'S KEY NATIONALIST LEADERS, THE PROLIFIC
FATHERS OF FEUDING POLITICAL FACTIONS, ARE NOT READY TO RECEIVE IT."
IF "THESE POOR SOULS POSING AS LEADERS HAD COLLECTIVELY THE
DESIRABLE LEVEL OF POLITICAL COMMON SENSE, THE SURRENDER
CURRENTLY ECHOING IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD WOULD
HAVE COME IN ANY ONE OF THE PAST PAINFUL 11 YEARS."
POLITICAL COMMON SENSE, IF IT HAS NOT COME TO VARIOUS
NATIONALIST LEADERS BY THIS MORNING WITH EACH NURSING
PERSONAL NIGHTMARES' OF BECOMING THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF
ZIMBABWE, "THEN NO MATTER HOW FAR SMITH GOES IN SURRENDER
IT WILL BE IN VAIN." "THE OAU THROUGH THE FRONTLINE
STATES WILL HAVE TO LIQUIDATE THIS POLITICAL MENACE

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(DISUNITY) RUTHLESSLY." THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO GIVE

MAJORITY RULE TO SIX MILLION BLACK RHODESIANS, AND
"MAJORITY RULE IS THERE FOR THE PICKING."

2. THERE ARE TWO WORTHWHILE ALTERNATIVES TO LEADERSHIP
IN RHODESIA: (1) FEUDING LEADERS SHOULD CHOOSE A NEUTRAL
BLACK TO SPEARHEAD ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSITIONAL GOVERN-
MENT, OR (2) COMPETING NATIONALIST LEADERS SHOULD BE
MADE TO APPEAR BEFORE BLACK POPULATION IN A LEADER
REFERENDUM. IF SOMETHING IS NOT DONE NOW ABOUT LEADER-
SHIP QUESTION, THE SURRENDERED SMITH WILL CONTINUE TO
RULE RHODESIA. LOW

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